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MEXICAN NATIONAL LIVING IN KC INDICTED FOR METH, FIREARMS

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national living in Kansas City, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury today for possessing with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and illegally possessing a firearm.

Eleazar Gonzalez-Saenz, 30, a Mexican national living in Kansas City, was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Gonzalez-Saenz** possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on March 8, 2005.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Gonzalez-Saenz** was an illegal alien in possession of a Lorcin .380-caliber pistol on March 8, 2005.

Count Three of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count, which would require **Gonzalez-Saenz** to forfeit to the government any property derived from the proceeds of the offense alleged in Count One, including a 1999 Chevrolet 1500 truck that he was driving at the time of his arrest on March 8, 2005, in Kansas City.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick J. O'Connor. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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